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The year 2000 has brought many changes. Some of them are the usual changes that occur every year: the change from being a "civilian" to being a *vet student*; the change from being a student to being a *veterinarian*; the changing of our ages; and the changing of the seasons. Others, however, are changes that we weren't necessarily expecting. Due to changes in the administration, we are now searching for a new dean for the College of Veterinary Medicine, as well as a new president for the university. Curriculum changes have challenged both faculty and students alike. Bud's death signifies somewhat of a "changing of the guard" as we are left to find a new mascot for the veterinary school. The list could go on and on. Good or bad, expected or unexpected, easy or difficult, change is a constant presence in the veterinary profession. We eventually learn to accept it, to embrace it, and even to become agents of it, like Margaret Sloss did. Hers is a good example for us all.

The changes in my life have included a new job as editor of the ISU Veterinarian, and with it, new skills to learn, like a new computer program and the art of managing a staff. Even good changes are not always easy. I have struggled some, but I have learned much more, and the next time, I will do even better. I want to thank everyone who helped to overcome the many obstacles we encountered this semester, such as changing printers, computer problems, and an unfortunately timed trip to India. I think they all know who they are. I apologize for any delay in your receiving this issue, and I sincerely thank you for your continued support of our publication. ♦

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